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# WORONI

Official Propaganda Section of the C.U.C. Student Body.

## BLACK BALLED

In the first Woroni this year, Freshers were told that they were no longer at school. Woroni apologises for thus misleading them. Last Friday night the Registrar made it quite plain that we are still very much irresponsible adolescents by breaking up the Commencement Ball at 2 o'clock and having the Hall locked up at half past. Few people would want the Commencement Ball to drag on to say half past four in the morning, and of course it would in fact have been stopped long before this by the S.R.C., especially as they would have to pay the extra cost of the band, but the way the Ball was going, an extra hour would have been appreciated by most of those present. The sudden playing of the National Anthem as the party was warming up came as an irritating end to an otherwise excellent evening. We doubt whether those members of the staff who were there liked the early closure any more than we did.

## BIG SISTER IS WATCHING YOU

A most annoying feature of the whole affair was that the S.R.C. was not even officially informed of the Registrar's decision. This appears to indicate a lack of consideration for those persons elected to represent the student body (shut up Law Students — this is a solidarity matter). It also shows a lack of consideration for the students themselves, and would be considered a grave discourtesy to any other organisation.

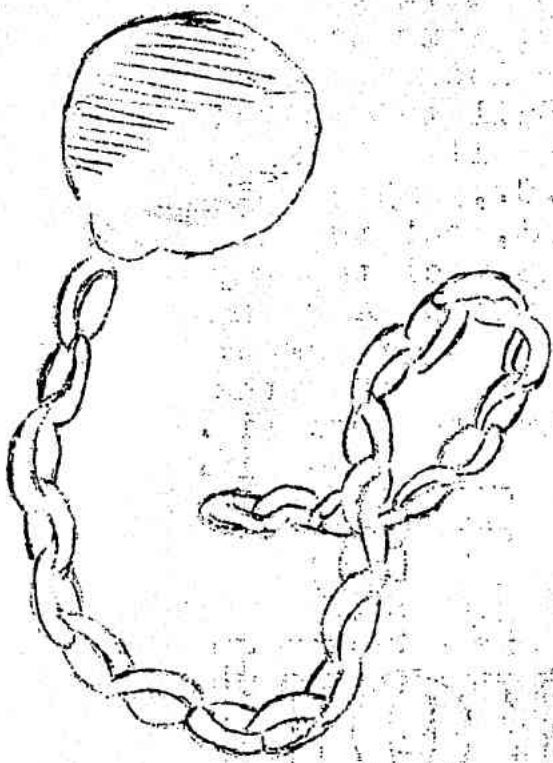
We also dislike the implication that the S.R.C. is not fit to be entrusted with the conduct of what is a student affair. As such persons as Joan Thomson, Josie Richards, Pat Geach, Jacques Grenot and Alf McCarthy (to take a few names at random) are members of the S.R.C., we feel that this slur is unjustified.

It is thought that the Registrar's action may have been due to a complaint about the Revue party the previous Saturday. As it happens, this party was quieter than usual (particularly compared with last year) and the amount of alcohol consumed was very moderate. Even had the Revue party been objectionable (which it most certainly was not), we do not see why the large number of people who patronised the Ball should be made to suffer for behaviour at an unrelated function.

Christopher M. Jay.

# HIS LAST BOW

The old order changeth, giving place to new ... and Woroni says goodbye to editor John Carroll, who has been responsible for some 21 issues over the past two years. John officially resigned on Sunday, and the S.R.C. has appointed Christopher Jay as editor in his place. A motion was passed thanking John for his very valuable services. The fact that the new editor is a full-timer is another indication of the increasing importance of that class in the life of the C.U.C. Woroni is also now completely free from the S.R.C., as the disclaimer published below confirms, and this will probably be beneficial.



The new editor is appointed on the following conditions: He is entitled to supplies from the S.R.C. for a maximum of 12 pages every fortnight. He is free to publish anything he pleases, and must take full responsibility for this. He must publish specific material from the S.R.C. and allow the S.R.C. to reply in the same issue to attacks on it. He can not be directed not to print anything - the S.R.C.'s only recourse in such circumstances is to sack the editor. Should this actually happen (and it is a brave S.R.C. that would risk being saddled with the job themselves), the editor is entitled to demand a General Meeting to investigate the dispute. As the new editor is, on the whole, pro-S.R.C., we feel that these last events are unlikely, but it is as well to be prepared for all contingencies.

"Woroni" is not an official publication of the Student Representative Council. It is the publication of the Students Association, the organisation of all students in the College. The editor of Woroni is legally - and morally - responsible for all matter published in the paper, except for official S.R.C. matter such as this announcement. Any objections to any material appearing in this newspaper should be addressed to the Editor.

## OVER TO YOU

Here is an attack on the S.R.C. Most students will probably sympathise with them, but we print it all the same. When is the S.R.C. going to clean out the S.R.C. Office?

Official Answer: "Soon"

Do YOU know what Ab. Schol. Is? Then see PAT GEACH.

# REVUE

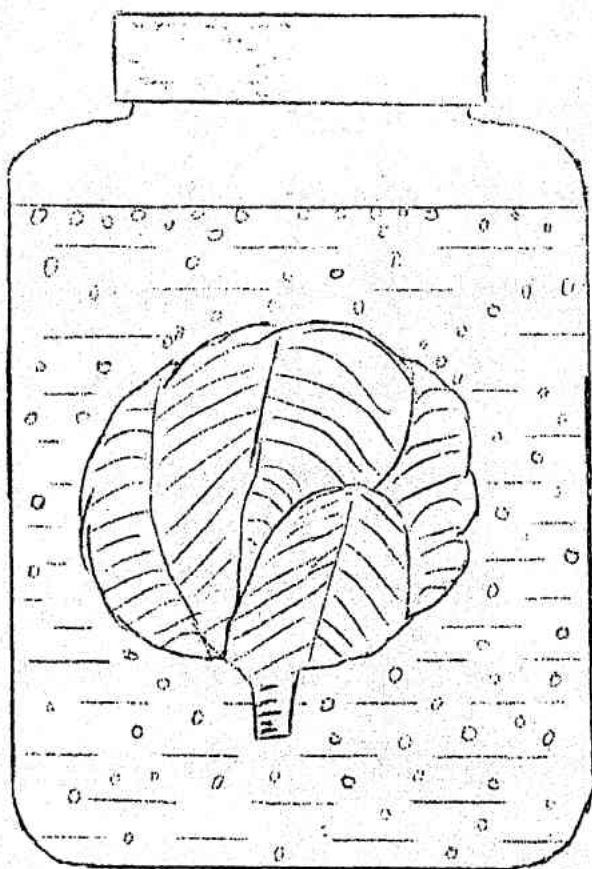
The Canberra Times critic was not there. The Chicken. We were under the impression that the Revue was sufficiently important to warrant at least a mention in the columns of the local apology for a newspaper, but the Canberra Crimes thought otherwise. Never mind girls and boys, we did very well without him - opinion was divided as to whether this year's effort was better than last year's, but most agreed that it was a good show, and all agree that the audience enjoyed it. Gross takings were £ 134-19-9, but printing and advertising costs have to be deducted, not to mention fines for all our under age performers, such as the dog and Absalom the Cabbage.

Some of the scripts were very good indeed, and both dances were greatly enjoyed by the audience. Singing was much better than last year; in particular, Tim Ellis did an excellent job with his two items. The programmes maintained the usual very high standard.

We will not repeat all the credits:

- (a). Because we gave them in detail last issue.
- (b). You will find them on the programme which you received when you fulfilled your duty by attending the Revue.
- (c). We are very short of space for this issue.

To sum up: we feel that this year's Revue was well worth the effort put into it, and was well received. Those individual performances worthy of mention but omitted here - well the performers can console themselves that they received due recognition from the audience, and that after all, is the most important thing.



It is with great sorrow that we sadly announce the tragic demise of Absalom the Cabbage at the age of three months. Absalom, who manfully endured three savage knife thrusts in the interest of art, finally met the fate predicted for him by Humphrey Bramble and was converted into sauerkraut.

Absalom had hoped to become the college mascot, it being his deeply expressed desire to assist to the utmost his dearly-beloved students in their studies and relaxations. However he was beaten for this position by Suzanne the Model. When Suzanne was abstracted, by, it is believed, some law students. Unfortunately, just as he seemed about to triumph, he perished, at a tender age. A late move to have him pickled and thus preserved for posterity was abortive. R.I.P.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,

Statistics show that the average height of the Australian male is 5'9". Therefore any description of a male Australian over that height should not include the offensive word "short". I, sir, am a male Australian, 5'10½". Therefore, sir, I shall be pleased if you will retract your scurrilous description of me in the last issue of Woroni, particularly the word "short"?

It occurs to me that you may have based your description on a comparison with your own beanpole status. In future, may I suggest that you refrain from looking down on those who, while not as lean and attenuated as yourself, are still above average height.

Yours in aime, etc.  
Dougal Macdonald.

Note: In all future issues of Woroni 1958/ B, the adjective "short" on page three will be replaced with "1½ inches above statistically proved average".

Sir,

There are some glaring inaccuracies and half-truths contained in a tendentious report on the N.U.A.U.S. by our president published in your last issue. It is only fair that the facts on the highly contentious issue of N.U.A.U.S. should be put in their proper perspective by way of a disinterested analysis.

Firstly, Mr. Masterman contends that "if you are studying under a Commonwealth Scholarship, the National Union got it for you". Such an exaggerated claim for the Union's influence as a pressure group will not square with the facts; it is common knowledge that Mr. John Dedman (when Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) and the A.L.P. were responsible for this educational reform, not the NUUS.

Again, it is claimed that "many of the things you take for granted..." result from N.U.A.U.S. representations. Could Mr Masterman be a little more specific? This over-inflated claim must be unrivalled for vacuousness.

Thirdly, we are informed that the Union represents us at international student conferences—very good indeed, but this smacks of trips for the boys at our expense. Furthermore it is patently obvious that these wind-bag gatherings achieve little more than the manufacture of Red propaganda. The ingenious delegates that gather at these Conferences are mere Communist dupes.

It suffices to say that if the NUUS is not of Communist sympathies it is, at best, of a decidedly bright pink colour.

The grapevine informs me that NUUS intends to call applications for the appointment of a research officer this year at a salary of around £2000 p.a. to inquire into "aspects of education"! It would be most unallant to shower ridicule on this nebulous little scheme, because every Public Servant knows what a good job the "Crystal gazers" do in Commonwealth Departments—that is, when they are not on sick leave caused by trying to walk through closed doors instead of opening them.

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The S.R.C. has been somewhat reticent about informing us that our annual affiliation fee payable by the C.U.C. Students' Association for the dubious honour of financing these risky ventures will be in the vicinity of £ 200. It therefore seems that a wiser policy would be one of wait and see - fools rush in where angels fear to tread - before we embark on the retrograde step of full affiliation with the National Union of Australian University students. There is more in this than meets the eye - perhaps Mr. Masterman even wants a trip overseas at our expense.

" J A N E T T "

(Name withheld through fear of victimisation).

## R E V I E W

"Janett's" letter is just as tendentious as my report but any half truths of which I may have been guilty (I was not aware of any: could the lady specify?) have been transformed into the most flagrant misstatements. The proposed Research Officer would not be paid £ 2000 but £ 1000. Membership would cost us £100 at the very most, not £ 200. If "Janett's" figure is over-rated - pardon, if her figures are overstated by 100%, what are we to think of her vague accusations of "trips for the boys" and "Communism" - smear tactics.

Jim Carlton's report in the supplement to this issue shows why N.U.A.U.S. cannot be a popular organisation in the same way as a local body. The benefits are more intangible, and the only way we can fully enjoy them is by joining National Union: this will also give us a chance to remedy any abuses which might exist.

Christopher J. Masterman,  
President.

## A . U . P .

As a result of the May, 1957 Editors' conference held in (in case you are dull) May, the Australian University Press is to publish, three times a year, a supplement which will collect news from all Australian Universities. With a circulation of over 21,000, the supplement can sway public opinion to some extent, and provide expression of common interests among students.

Finance has been made available by N.U.A.U.S. and, in addition, constituent bodies are asked for a 4d a head contribution to cover initial expenses. It is hoped that advertising revenue will supplement the supplement. Unless your copy of Woroni has been tampered with, you should find the first supplement attached to this issue.

# MORE LETTERS

Sir,

In response to the invitation in the latest issue of Woroni, I strongly object to the proposed coat of arms for Narellan. Besides being crudely composed and drawn, it is completely out of character with this noble establishment. Perhaps the Jay ("a noisy bird of brilliant plumage") who holds himself morally responsible for the latest issue might be able to explain why such a singularly inappropriate coat of arms and motto should be regarded as being appropriate. As he doesn't live here, I can't see why it should be appropriate.

Yours, etc.,

The Staid Narellanite.

P.S. It would be better if the motto was in Latin.

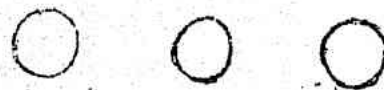
Editorial Note: The item concerned emanated from Narellan.

## OF General and Particular Interest

Will someone please tell me what it is about Narellan that makes certain inhabitants appear quite intoxicated? While peacefully walking along the corridor, I have twice noticed an apparently inebriated female (starry eyes, brilliant red cheeks, staggering gait) who had to be assisted to her room by a friend. If you wish to identify her, then the fact that she was returning from a room near the office might help you. When I say she was quite inebriated, I do not mean by alcohol. I think it was more likely that she had had an overdose of gazing (?) at Venus. (Do I detect a crimson blush?). Are all Narellanites always in this condition?

Now a few words about the Revue. I finally managed to see it and enjoyed every moment. Congratulations to the cast and those who had the unenviable task of producing it. You all did a very good job.

"TREACLEBEAK."



The C.U.C. Men's Hockey Club must be feeling quite confident of themselves - at any rate, they have challenged the female section of the Uni. to a match. All girls should be welcome, whether to actually play or to be in the team. Having seen some of these Male - Female contests, we are not prepared to forecast what may happen, or even if the game will finish, but any daring females who are interested should apply to Neale Hunter.

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Do you know what Ab. Schol. is yet? You DON'T??? Then see Pat Geach.

# BUTTERY - BATTERY

Lead on MacDuff, lead on ... lead, lead thy buttry to a dying grave. In peace there's nothing so becomes a man as silent stomach, working noiselessly. But when the clarion call of buttry gravy sounds in the depths, then 'tis the call to action, to do high deeds and win deathless renown. Yea, one and all, I say unto ye .... in short, the buttry is still ailing, and here comes our regular feature article on the subject.

Never has any institution been more often on the point of dying as has our buttry. Never has such an institution struggled on with such sheer courage and stark endurance. Time and time again we hear the cry - pay up and eat or it will die. Student patronage remains at its usual level, but the buttry does not die - instead it crawls again into Woroni's pigeonhole, bleeding, crippled, profitless and indomitable. Who can fail to sympathise, to weep, to shed tears of anguish at its ghastly ordeal and the shining courage with which it surmounts crisis after crisis. Who can fail to feel that our buttry shows the way to higher things? You may laugh - you may jeer - you can even be indifferent, but brethren, I say unto you: Students may come and may not go, but the buttry struggles along forever.

Ah well: pies are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little stew is rounded with a chop. And like the glittering tomato sauce, the potato towers, the glistening walls of noble sauerkraut, the limitless seas of greasy gravy, spread over all the wide, wide world of stainless steel sink, counter and tray, yet life must continue, and Woroni be issued, and the student body urged to "Patronise the Buttry - accept no substitute."

So, therefore, how about it. You need the buttry - the buttry needs you. It can be a profitable symbiosis, if only YOU will play your part. Here, in case you cannot read notices, are again the Buttry's hours:

By 11.00 a.m. orders must be in for lunch or sandwiches.

By 12.30 p.m. the sandwiches may be available - this is the earliest this will happen.

By 5.00 p.m. orders must be in for tea on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

And Please - will students collect the meals they have ordered.

## SPORT

It may be incredible, but it is possible that students may soon have better opportunities for recreation than chasing round the ping-pong table. Barry Schick and Jack Nutt, aided and abetted by Joan Thomson, have inspired a General Meeting of the Sports Union tonight (Wednesday) in the Common Room at 9.00 p.m. As all students are ipso facto members of the sports union, we urge you all to come along and see about the reorganisation of sport in the College. Suggested clubs are badminton, ping-pong, darts, squash, billiards, hockey, tennis, volleyball, basketball, softball etc. etc.

# AFTERMATH

Wowers abound yet. Take this letter in the Canberra Times:

Sir,

The behaviour of a group of University students on Saturday morning in Civic Centre is alarming to parents who are contemplating sending their children to the University College. Not only did they obstruct people hurrying to finish shopping, but their behaviour in several shops, with shouted remarks about extortionate prices, was quite disgusting. In addition, they were carrying an indecent display model, obtained heaven knows how. This childish activity was capped by their invasion of the Goodwin Homes fête, the advertising for which they were obviously trying to ridicule. We are often told that these people are the leaders of tomorrow. In view of such behaviour, can we believe this?

CANBERRA MOTHER.

Sir,

The actions of the three Sydney University students who attempted to cut the tape on the Quay roadway and those irresponsible individuals from the C.U.C. who made an exhibition of themselves in Civic Centre on Saturday morning are the culmination of a long series of tasteless stunts which seem to delight the modern University student. There was a time when these pranks were genuinely amusing, but the modern generation seems lacking in taste and finesse, and their efforts are less funny every year.

To curb this loutish behaviour, I suggest that all pranksters who are caught should be sentenced to a weeks work on the roads without pay. Since students are notoriously averse to physical exertion, these outbursts of larrikinism should swiftly cease.

JULIUS VIONBERG.

HERE ARE SOME LETTERS WHICH THE CANBERRA TIMES DID NOT PUBLISH.

Sir,

CANBERRA MOTHER complains about University students "Obstructing people hurrying to finish their shopping". If people would not hurry to finish shopping, this would not occur. Shop assistants dread the frantic last-minute rush of selfish individuals like Canberra Mother, who should get her shopping done earlier. Canberra Mother is exploiting the long-suffering class of shop-assistants by surging into shops at 29 minutes past eleven. It is time shops were closed at 25 past eleven as is already done with Woolworths, to eliminate this disgusting last minute rush.

DISGUSTED.

Sir,

Your recent correspondent (who has decided to mother Canberra) will not mother me. As a future leader of society, I intend to dissipate my frustration complexes before assuming the Prime Ministership.

H.V. Pivot.

Sir,

Is Canberra Mother disgusted on her own behalf, or on behalf of the community? If she found anything objectionable about Suzanne the model, who was decently clad, then it is high time she returned to her knitting.



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Sir,- I wish to complain about certain letters published in your columns which condemned the actions of C.U.C. students on Saturday, March 23rd.

While walking down from East Row to the College, I was jostled, pushed aside and generally disturbed by hordes of unwashed, undisciplined primary school children who conducted "pushes" through the crowds while advertising a charity function due to take place that afternoon. The total number of these children vastly exceeded the number of students involved in the stunt under discussion. They spent far more time than the students in parading the streets. I have heard nobody complain about their behaviour, which was rowdy in the extreme.

Perhaps Canberra MOTHER feels that public morals are offended by this sort of demonstration. I doubt that she would criticise shop-keepers who display models such as were carried by the students. Then let neither her, nor anybody else, criticise students who were quietly pursuing a legitimate activity - which also was for the benefit of a charity.

As for Mr. Vionberg's complaint, I would remind him that penalties such as he desires to see imposed on students are usually invoked if the law is broken. Mr. Vionberg is no doubt aware of the number of policemen to be found in and around Civic Centre on Saturday morning. Perhaps he would like to criticise them for taking no action in a matter which he feels should have been stopped. Unfortunately for Mr. Vionberg's feelings, no law was broken, no offence was given. Mr. Vionberg has my sympathy for his frustration.

Andrew CROPPER.

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Puzzled still by Ab. Schol.?  
Then Pat Geach is still the  
girl to see.

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#### STUDENT CONDUCT DEFENDED.

Sir,- It was with outraged dismay that we read the wholly unfounded accusations levelled against us in the letter signed CANBERRA MOTHER published in the Canberra Times. We feel ourselves impelled, therefore, though with great reluctance, to make reply to these charges, thereby reinstating the impeccable reputation hitherto enjoyed by our University.

If these charges are to be accepted as an authentic account of the happenings on Saturday morning, the reader is left with the inevitable impressions that our behaviour was worthy rather of Black and Tans, than of "The leaders of tomorrow." This is unjust. The demonstration consisted of some 12 students in academic gowns bearing inoffensive placards, and one clad plaster model legitimately obtained.

The purpose of our "demonstration" was the advertisement of the annual University Revue. The so-called "demonstration" was conducted in a sober, and orderly fashion, giving offence to no one.

To the best of our knowledge, such remarks as were in fact passed by members of our party regarding "extortionate prices" were made in a purely jocular fashion, and accepted as such by customers and staff alike.

Finally, far from attempting in any way to ridicule the praiseworthy work of those associated with the Goodwin Homes Fair, members of our party purchased two delicious chocolate cakes from one of their stalls.

Michael Austin, Judith Baskin, Neil Beckhaus, Martin Benson, John Carroll, Wendy Cromer, Rafe de Crespigny, Colin McKerras, Lloyd Melhuish, Joan Thomson.  
University College  
Student' Association.

# CRISIS

Copy for Woroni.

The Secretary,  
Canberra University College Students' Association.

Dear Miss Thomson,

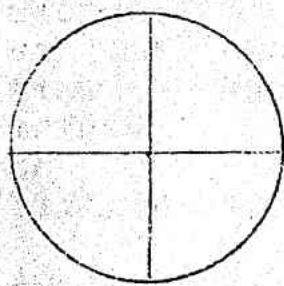
We the undersigned fifteen members (financial) of the Students' Association, in accordance with section 18 of the constitution of the association, request the Students' Representative Council to summon a general meeting of the Association, for the purpose of debating the following notice-of-motion:-

"The Canberra University College Students' Association no longer has confidence in the President of the Association and requests his resignation from the position of President as from the close of business of this meeting."

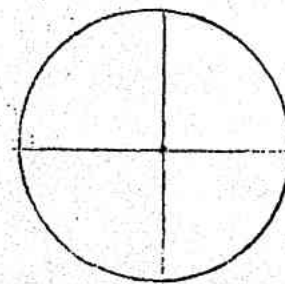
(There follows fifteen signatures, which have not been released for publication.)

The meeting referred to will be called for Wednesday 9th April. It will be at 9.00 in the Common Room. We ask you all to turn up, as this will be a most important meeting.

PRESIDENT referred to is Christopher John MASTERMAN, age 20. He is fair-haired son of Kay Chauney Masterman, Associate Professor of Classics. Chris is in his third year at the College - was our first full-time president ever, and strong on full-time rights. He is 5'10" (one inch above the average for the Australian male). The dissatisfaction with his presidency appears to be failure to act, rather than wrong actions. Discussion about N.U.A.U.S. will no doubt occur, also criticism of the S.R.C. The part the lawyers will play is uncertain. The exact nature of the charges against Chris. are not yet fully known - to find out, you will have to come to the meeting, or else wait for our next issue, which will contain a detailed report. So once again, come along - this matter is urgent.



PLAY  
BALL



And now on a nicer issue - the Commencement Ball. Apart from the affair of the early closing, ventilated on the front and back pages, the Ball was one of the best ever. Particular mention must be made of Barry Schick, who worked very hard on the decorations for the hall. Everyone will agree that he an extraordinarily fine job did do - congratulations, Barry.

Thanks go also, as ever, to the S.R.C. for the hard work they put into the Ball (did they also organise the picture in the Canberra Times). The Commencement Ball has in a few years become a most important function, and only the early closing stopped this one from being the best yet. Let us hope that the other dances are as successful.

# OUR LAWYERS

..... have just held their annual meeting. We apologise to the secretary for not printing the official report, for lack of space, but we hope that the following is a fair summary:

The second annual general meeting of the Canberra University Law Society achieved three things. It elected new office bearers, extended the constitution to admit non-Law students, and changed the date for payment of fees.

New officers are:-  
 PRESIDENT ..... E. Scotts.  
 VICE-President ..... J. Nosworthy.  
 Secretary ..... R. Fraser.  
 TREASURER ..... B. Odgers.  
 COMMITTEE ..... F. Rinaldi.  
   A. Preece.  
   B. Schick.

Outgoing president Wilf Frey was praised for his keenness and ability as President; and messrs. Parkes, Worth, Nutt and Odgers thanked for their more than competent fulfillment of office.

In future, non-Law students interested in the society may join and participate in all activities of the society except the actual administration.

FEES - concern was felt over the financial solvency of younger members of the society, since their failure to pay their dues last year apparently indicated hardship. It was accordingly resolved that members of the Society in full-time employment should continue to pay 10/- subscription, but those not so placed should pay only 5/-. Ordinary members i.e. non-Law students debarred from office but otherwise eligible to participate will also pay only 5/-.

At one stage it was feared that the meeting could not continue, as there was at that time not one financial member, but this was remedied by those public-spirited members who paid up without a whimper. However, since fees are still not payable until 14 days after the A.G.M., the same thing may happen next year. It is hoped that a special meeting will remedy this during the year.

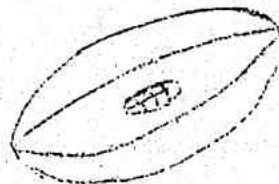
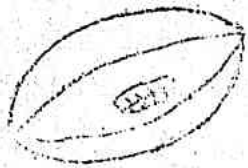
Many members complained about individuals who "hogged" important books for weeks, thereby inconveniencing others (this is not confined to Law Students. - Ed.) Mr. Nutt stated that the Law Society room was practically uninhabitable, and asked that a few pictures, curtains and a chair or two be provided. The committee was asked to be active in providing moots, debates etc.

It is hoped that the official (?) Woroni reporter who was present at certain stages of the Meeting appreciates the licence allowed to him, and admits that his presence was of only short duration, this being imposed by himself. (Actual time was one hour.)

This report has been severely condensed. The full report will no doubt appear in the Law Notes.



A bottle of deodorant has been sitting in the Law Society pigeon-hole for a week. The purpose was revealed when our reporter's appearance was greeted with a demand for the obnoxious smell to be dealt with. However, reflecting that "the resulting publicity in the gutter press of the College did much to put us on the map", they did not press the matter.



The Forestry School has written to Chris. Masterman about the possibility of strengthening their team for the firstgrade Rugby Union with C.U.C. students. (Sorry Ron Miller - perhaps you could write us a screed on the advantages of Norths). They would like a few volunteers who would like to play with a student club and are not already committed.

# STOP PRESS

We are told from reliable sources (not the caretaker this time but the cleaners) that the next college dance, if held in the Hall, will have to stop at 10.30 p.m. In order to make it worthwhile, the Registrar has blessed our using the Buttery for a (Nursery) "High Tea".

ABOUT "TREACLEBEAK"

by "Ninky".



A not-so-little girl lives here,  
(You can call her what you choose)  
Who's quite a Scandel-Monger  
With a lust for juicy news.

# S.R.C.

With the curiosity of a cat,  
The cunning of a fox,  
She goes round seein' who likes who  
And takin' keys from locks.

# ELECT- IONS

Although she's only young in sin,  
She's quite a little pest,  
And she can twist things back-the-front-  
And print them-with the best!

Up till midnight every night  
Her candles she doth burn,  
Not to study, but to see  
The other guests return.  
Then at breakfast her sly tongue  
Picks on the not-so-bright,  
And asks them with a knowin' smile:  
"Were you up late last night?"



# SOON

BUT; She don't practise what she speaks-  
O Dear no, Snakes Alive-  
Our little soupy Treaklebeak  
Stayed out till after five!

# DETAILS NEXT ISSUE

IT'S NOT TRUE - TREACLEBEAK !

# CREDITS

It is thought that Christopher M. Jay produced this issue. Other suspects are Christopher and Lindis Masterman, Judith Baskin, Marion Beveridge, Dougal Macdonald, Joan Thomson, Barry schick, Ron Fraser, Staid Narellanite, "JANNETT" and others.